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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/47/734/Add.1)]

47/41. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the initial phase of the expanded size and mandate of the United Nations Operation in Somalia 2/ and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 751 (1992) of 24 April 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Somalia, and Council resolution 814 (1993) of 26 March 1993, by which the Council expanded the size of the United Nations Operation in Somalia and authorized the mandate for the expanded Operation (United Nations Operation in Somalia II) for an initial period through 31 October 1993,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 794 (1992) of 3 December 1992,

Expressing its appreciation to those countries that participated in, and made contributions to, the Unified Task Force in Somalia,

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1/ Consequently, resolution 47/41 of 1 December 1992 becomes 47/41 A.

2/ A/47/916.

3/ See A/C.5/47/SR.63.

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Recalling its resolution 47/41 A of 1 December 1992 on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia,

Recalling also its responsibility in considering and approving the budget of the Organization in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the costs of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the deployment of the Operation in Somalia II, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the expanded Operation with the required resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

Expressing concern about the financial situation of the Organization, in particular the fact that its reserves, including the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund, are almost depleted owing to the late payment of contributions by Member States,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations made in the oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 3/

2. Reiterates the concern it had expressed, in considering other peace-keeping budget estimates, about the lack of detailed budgetary information in the report of the Secretary-General, and regrets that the figures presented do not have enough justification and will need to be adjusted in the detailed budget estimates to be submitted not later than 15 June 1993;

3. Urges all Member States to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II promptly and in full;

4. Decides to continue to use the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Somalia, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/41 A, for the Operation in Somalia II;

5. Decides also, as an exceptional measure, pending submission of detailed budget estimates for the Operation in Somalia II and the

performance report on the United Nations Operation in Somalia by the Secretary-General, to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 300 million United States dollars for the Operation in Somalia II for the period from 1 May to 30 June 1993, and notes that this appropriation takes into account the unencumbered balance of appropriation remaining in the Special Account;

6. Decides further to take into account the amount of 300 million dollars appropriated in paragraph 5 above against the full assessments to be levied on Member States upon the approval of the total cost estimates of the Operation in Somalia II;

7. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to assess the amount of 300 million dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 1993 and to apportion that amount among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments set out in Assembly resolution 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and the rates of assessment adopted by Assembly decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

8. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income for the period from 1 May to 31 October 1993 in the context of the detailed budget estimates to be submitted not later than 15 June 1993;

9. Decides further to establish the contributions of the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the Operation in Somalia II in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for those Member States at its forty-eighth session;

10. Invites the new Member States mentioned in paragraph 9 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions, to be determined;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit as soon as possible but not later than 15 June 1993 detailed cost estimates for the Operation in Somalia II for the entire mandate period through 31 October 1993, taking into account the views and observations of Member States in the Fifth Committee, and to report at that time on the actual expenditure for the Operation;

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the Operation in Somalia II in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

13. Invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to the fund established pursuant to Security Council resolution 794 (1992) in accordance with paragraph 15 of Council resolution 814 (1993);

14. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that all United Nations activities related to the Operation in Somalia II are administered under the authority of his Special Representative in a coordinated fashion with a maximum of efficiency and economy and in accordance with the relevant mandates.

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15 April 1993